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New This Week

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Find information on the following news, and more, in this week's DISCOVER.

- Board of Education Meeting Tonight
- Kindergarten Pre-Registration
- Instant Decision Day at LHS
- 1:1 at MPMS
- American Enterprise Day

Board Matters
ON THE AGENDA: This evening’s Board of Education meeting will include a counseling report on Livingston High School’s Class of 2018 graduates, information about new course offerings at LHS, a comprehensive annual financial report, and a social media policy discussion by the Board. See the entire agenda on our website.

Click HERE to view videos of past Board of Education meetings on our website.

District Matters

A Chance to Provide Feedback

Livingston Public Schools will hold a Public Forum to solicit feedback on the traits and characteristics that members of the community would like to prioritize in selecting the next Superintendent of Schools. The forum will be held on Monday, December 17, at 7 p.m. at the Administration Building, 11 Foxcroft Drive. This meeting will include an online participation component. Additional details will be announced as they become available.

Kindergarten Pre-Registration

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! Kindergarten Pre-Registration will open on January 2, 2019. Please keep an eye out on our website for the link so that you can start the registration process. Please note that you need to complete the entire kindergarten registration process by May 15th in order to be notified of your child’s school placement by June 1st. This includes families with older siblings already attending a school within the District.

Update Emergency Contacts

There are times when the district may need to use our automated alert system to contact parents.
It is vital that you log into your Genesis Parent Portal account and under “CONTACTS” be sure that you have checked off the box for “Emergency Broadcast” for any phone numbers/email addresses at which you wish to be notified in these instances.

How does LPS decide on weather-related school closings? Click HERE for information.

Technology Matters

1:1 Device Pick Up at MPMS

More than 450 sixth graders at Mt. Pleasant Elementary School picked up their new 1:1 devices on Monday, December 10.

District Director of Instructional Technology Erin Borino said that the process was a smooth one, with students coming to the Media Center during their physical education period to pick up their HP Chromebooks. She noted that the students attended a Digital Citizenship assembly last Friday where they learned about expectations, as well as "Dos & Don'ts," when it comes to using their new devices. After passing a quiz in their classrooms, each student received a "Digital Drivers License!"

The students were assisted by media specialist Jessica Sental, district tech coach Mitch Wasserman, and district computer technicians Kyle Reilly and Anthony Bennett.

Students Matter

Instant Decision Day at LHS
Livingston High School’s School Counseling Department hosted its first Instant Decision Day during which college admissions counselors met individually with students to discuss their applications and interest in attending their respective school. About eight universities attended the event, and participating students received same day decisions!

School Counseling Newsletter: Fall 2018

Riker Hill Elementary
More than 40 fifth graders at Riker Hill School participated in the TREP$ entrepreneur education program for students. The program teaches students how to start their own businesses during six weekly workshops. It culminated with Riker Hill’s TREP$ Marketplace, held in the school’s main gym, where the young entrepreneurs put their products up for sale. Many members of the school community came out to shop (with real cash!) at the flea market-style event. Shown are Riley Algazy, Lauren Elsky and Sydney Gelade.

Collins Elementary
Collins collected 277 pajamas during its Collins Cares Winter Initiative Pajama Drive. Although the drive ran for a week, many of the pajamas were collected during a school-wide “Wear a Pair, Give a Pair” Day, when students had the opportunity to wear their PJs to school, and give a pair of new PJs to the cause. Members of the Collins Student Council spent time counting and sorting the cozy clothing before it was donated to the “Pajama Program,” an organization that helps create cozy bedtimes for children in need. Shown are Julie Brodsky, Abbie Uliano, and Guiliana Imbert.

Hillside Elementary
Fourth graders in Amy Hinds’ class at Hillside School visited Jockey Hollow, a National Historic Park in Morristown. The students learned about how General George Washington and the Continental Army survived through the coldest winter on record. Shown, students Ryan Chen, Ryan Dakss, Lucas Liu, Taryn Dzama, Adam Johnston, Abigail Gerges, and Alexandra Alteri discuss the items that soldiers may have packed and carried with them during that time.

Harrison Elementary
Harrison fourth graders have been busy! In math class, they are becoming peer-to-peer teachers, guiding one another in solving equations, while reinforcing the concepts for themselves. Students rotate through Guided Math Stations to practice a variety of multiplication concepts. Shown playing a math game are Eden Shvartsman, Felipe Lescura Bruzaferro, and Benjamin Cohen. Click HERE to read more and see photos!
At Burnet Hill Elementary School, students were treated to a visit by artist, storyteller and educator Michael Trotta, who awakened students' creativity throughout the day with his "Storytelling" and "Developing Your Creative Practice" programs. Mr. Trotta talked about his creative process and displayed artwork, which included his signature rabbit costume sculptures. Each student received a small unpainted version of the piece, on which they were encouraged to put their own creative mark at home.

Journey to the Center of the Earth

Students at Mt. Pleasant Elementary School took a unique journey to the center of the Earth during a visit with the "Earth Balloon," a 20' high-resolution satellite image model of the earth. The Earth Balloon program provides a new perspective of our earth that helps students to understand their place in the world. Students learned about earthquakes, volcanoes, places in the news, geography, earth science, and more as they travelled around and inside the giant sphere. An entire class of 30 students entered the earth through a zipper in the middle of the Pacific Ocean. While sitting on Antarctica, the students saw the world in its entirety with a panoramic view of the continents and oceans. The Earth Balloon program is presented by educators from Earth Adventure, a nonprofit organization.

American Enterprise Day

Livingston High School FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) recently held its annual American Enterprise Day.
American Enterprise Day highlights and educates students about the American free enterprise system. FBLA chapters celebrate the day through a wide range of activities, projects, and festivities. Livingston High School’s chapter organized an array of speakers, from owners of local businesses to experienced business professionals, for its students and teachers to listen to and learn from! The goal was to honor individuals whose hard work and achievement exemplify the best of the American free enterprise system!

Shown, Jerbert Martinez of Vector Marketing, spoke to students about the challenging and rewarding aspects of sales. He also shared his philosophies of success. James Page, an educator and owner of Pick Your Cards, a rare sports cards business, also addressed students.

Additional speakers included Eyesha Marable (NJPAC); Julie Winer (Splurge Bakery); Howard Samuels (Samuels & Associates); Andrew Miller (Public Relations); and Gionna Marotta (Frutta Bowls)

HOW DID WE DO? View the 2018 High School Testing Assessment Update

Music Matters

Marching Band To Perform At New York Jets Game

The Livingston High School Lancer Marching Band will perform pregame at the NY Jets versus Houston Texans football game on Saturday, December 15, at Met Life Stadium!

LHS Marching Band Web Page

LHS Chorus/Orchestra To Present Winter Concert

The Livingston High School Chorus and Orchestra will present their Winter Concert on Wednesday, December 19, at 7:30pm in the high school auditorium, featuring the String Orchestra, Chamber Singers, Notations, Voicemales, Chamber Orchestra, and Concert Chorus. Some selections will include the music of Purcell, Bach, Anderson, Rodgers & Hart, Ahrens & Flaherty, and Jerry Herman. At the concert, the Tri-M Music Honor Society will be holding a food drive for those in need, and will be accepting donations of nonperishable food items. The concert is free
Parent Matters

Parent Development Programs

Mark your calendars! From special education support, to health and wellness programs and help with the college application process, Livingston Public Schools offers a wide variety of informative Parent Development programs. For a comprehensive list of programs offered during the 2018-2019 school year, click below.

Parent Program List

LEF Community Book Club

The Livingston Education Foundation (LEF) is a non-profit organization providing school-community partnerships and shared resources to enhance educational opportunities for Livingston Public Schools.

SAVE THE DATE! The LEF will hold its second annual Community Book Club event on Monday, January 14. The program will feature Livingston High School graduate Ann Schonwetter Arnold, author of *Together: A Journey for Survival*. She will be joined by her father, Holocaust survivor Mark Schonwetter, and sister Isabella Fiske.

READ: 2019 Book Club Event

Don't Miss That Call/Text:

What's On Your Mind?
In the case of an emergency, or weather-related school closing, or school bus transportation issues, our alert system allows us to quickly communicate with parents and staff by text, email and phone. Please make sure that your contact information is up to date. Log on to [Genesis](#) and click the "Contacts" tab at the top of the page to review the information that is currently on file. Please be sure to check the "Emergency Broadcast" box to receive Emergency Broadcast Messages. Don't forget to save all changes.

**OVER-THE-COUNTER MEDICATION PERMISSION FORM:** Click HERE to log into the Genesis Parent Portal to update information for your child.

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**Community Matters**

**LACD Offers After-School Sports**

The [Livingston Advisory Committee for Disabilities](#) (LACD) offers great programs, free of charge, for people with special needs and their families.

**LACD After-School Sports Program**

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**Something for Everyone at Library**

Check out the Livingston Public Library's [event calendar](#), which features events and programs for all ages! From book clubs, to musical programs, and events for senior citizens, the library offers something for everyone! Visit the [library's website](#) for more information.

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**Become a Crossing Guard**

The [Township of Livingston](#) continues to look for crossing guards for its many posts throughout town. Crossing guards provide an important service to our students, helping them navigate the streets around our schools safely each day. Click HERE for application.
Substitute Nurses Needed

Livingston Public Schools is seeking substitute school nurses.

Applicants must hold current license issued by the NJ Board of Nursing as a professional registered nurse (RN) and possess or be eligible for a Substitute Nurse Certificate. CPR/AED certification is required.

Interested candidates should contact Carolyn Ross at cross@livingston.org

Help Wanted: Lunch/Recess Aides

Livingston Public Schools is always looking for cafeteria and playground aides. Those who are interested should download and complete the application by clicking below, or stop by the Central Office at 11 Foxcroft Drive to pick up an application!

Application Information

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